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FOUNDED IN 1874 AS ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Francis Xavier Church

Mon. - Sat.---- Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8:05 am
Monday - Saturday Mass----- 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil----- 4:00 pm
Sunday----- 9:00 & 11:00 am
Tridentine Mass ----- 1:00 pm
Spanish ----- 3:00 pm
Portuguese ----- 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Confession

Saturday --- 9:00 - 10:00 am & 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday ----- 9:00 - 10:00 am
Thursday ----- 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel

First Saturday in Latin ----- 8:30 am
Otherwise closed until further notice

Mission Statement: Originally founded in 1874 as St. Patrick's, St. Francis Xavier Parish in 1903 embraced all immigrant people by following the missionary zeal of our patron. In response to this call, we now embrace English, Brazilian, and Spanish speaking Roman Catholics and due to the respect of our heritage, include a Tridentine Mass. In our love and zeal as disciples of the Lord, we strive to remain true to our Holy Roman Catholic Faith. We witness to this Faith: by our celebration of the Sacraments, by our continual formation in the teachings of the Church, and by striving always to serve the needs of the community in Hyannis, especially the poor.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents should call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation is required if this is your first child being baptized at St. Francis or it has been 2 years since your last class. Baptisms and classes are held by appointment.

Initiation of Adults: Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our 14 month formation process. For more information, please call Fr. Michael at 508-737-0575.

Faith Formation: Grades 1-10. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 and 9.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please consult the Pastor at least one year in advance of the intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

For our Home-Bound: Due to COVID-19, we are not servicing home-bound parishioners with Eucharist, at this time. **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

Parish Nurse Ministry: Parish nurse is not in the office during the pandemic.

Knights of Columbus: Contact the K of C directly to see when/if meetings are being held during Covid-19. Our Lady of Victory Parish, 230 So. Main St., Centerville - 508.775.4054

Prayer Shawl Ministry & Women's Group: no meetings are being held at this time, due to COVID-19.

Adoration: From 12 noon to 3PM Monday through Friday at St. Francis.

Faith Formation

Phone: 508-775-0818, ext. 105 / Email: CCD@stfrancishyannis.org

Young Adults Group / Email: sfx-ya@stfrancishyannis.org

St. Vincent's - Food Pantry / Tuesday & Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Phone: 508-775-3073 / Email: svdphyanis@gmail.com

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

MAY 16, 2021

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Reading I

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers —there was a group of about one hundred and Twenty persons in the one place — He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.* “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

R. (19a) The Lord has set his throne in heaven.
or:
R. Alleluia.

Reading II

1 Jn 4:11-16

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

Alleluia

Cf. Jn 14:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ~

Saturday		May 15
8:30 AM	John Miller	
4:00 PM	Vito and Rocco Mercurio	
Sunday		May 16
9 AM	Dan Mazzola	
11 AM	Members of the Parish	
1 PM	Art and Millie Rapoza	
Monday:		May 17
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday:		May 18
8:30 AM	Edward Remondi, Sr.	
Wednesday:		May 19
8:30 AM	Francisco Marty	
Thursday		May 20
8:30 AM	Vocations to the Priesthood	
Friday:		May 21
8:30 AM	Marcel Larue	
Saturday		May 22
8:30 AM	Francis Greco	
4:00 PM	Katharine F. O'Neill	
Sunday		May 23
9 AM	Robert Fitch	
11 AM	Members of the Parish	
1 PM	William Dykes	

BUDGET ENVELOPES

If you are on our list to receive budget envelopes, but do not want them, because you are not coming to Mass during Covid, do let us know and we will suspend them. On the other hand, if you are using your own white envelopes for your donations to St. Francis, and WOULD LIKE to receive envelopes, also, please let us know, via email stfrancis@sfxhyannis.org or phone (508) 775-0818 X100, and we will add you to our list, to make it easier for an end-of-year accounting for taxes.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA



A WEEK IN A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Each of our families will have a chance to take our traveling statue of St. Joseph home for a week to pray for our families and our parish as a whole. Dc. Bruce is coordinating the schedule. Please contact him at deaconbrucebaxter@gmail.com

Thank you all!



SANCTUARY LAMP

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis, in honor of a loved one (living or deceased). The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of:

CHARLES RILEY

COLLECTIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church

May 9, 2021 — \$ 6,727

SVDP — \$ 420

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Meetings are usually held every other Monday. The next meeting will be held on **May 17, 2021, at 4PM**. For further information, call the office at 508.775.0818.



ADORATION

MONDAY to FRIDAY

NOON TO 3 PM

COME PRAY

AN HOUR WITH ME.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new [life.@nbsp;](#) Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (English) on:

Mondays/Thursdays May 17-24, 2021 AND Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24, 2021

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK CAMPAIGN

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK CAMPAIGN

Our Brick Campaign is still ongoing. With your donation of \$150, you will be able to customize a brick in memory of a loved one and/or your family. Inscribed bricks will be installed into one of several walkways throughout the property at St. Francis Xavier Church.

If you are interested in doing this, please contact the parish stfrancis@stfrancishyannis.org and we can send you a form or call 508-775-0818, for more details.

God Bless you for your support of our Parish.

Remembering All Fathers

We were just getting back in the swing of publishing bulletins, when Mother's Day rolled around, and we were out of practice, shall we say. We forgot a very important remembrance for all of our Mother's. We do not want that to happen for our Dad's. If you would like to remember your dad, living or deceased, you will have the opportunity, of having his name printed in the bulletin, by sending your \$15 donation to St. Francis Xavier Parish Office, 21 Cross Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Place your check in an envelope together with the form, located at the right, and we will print your Father's name in the bulletin on Father's Day weekend. Your donation will be used for flowers for our Altars.

(Deadline: June 1)

Remembering Dad

(please print)

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, HYANNIS, MA

Predominant Fault

III. How to Combat? (three means and five principles)

a. Prayer

- i. Lord, show me the principal obstacle to my sanctification, the one that hinders me from profiting by graces and also by the exterior difficulties that would work to the good of my soul if I had greater recourse to Thee when they arise

b. Examination

- i. Write down each week the number of times they have yielded to their predominant fault which seeks to reign in them like a despot. If we keep track of the money we spend and receive, it is still more useful to know what we lose and what we gain from the spiritual point of view for eternity

c. Sanction/Penance

- i. many persons have cured themselves of the habit of cursing by imposing on themselves the obligation of giving an alms in reparation each time they fail

d. purification of virtues/motives—Before conquering our predominant fault, our virtues are often, to speak more properly, natural good inclinations rather than true and solid virtues that have taken root in us. Prior to victory over this fault, the fountain of graces is not yet adequately opened on our soul, for we still seek ourselves too much and do not live sufficiently for God.

e. No despair!— leads us to think that our predominant fault cannot be eradicated. With grace we can overcome it. St. Augustine: “God never commands the impossible; but in giving us His precepts, He commands us to do what we can, and to ask for the grace to accomplish what we cannot do

f. Do not identify with the problem!

g. Everyone has to do this—not just ‘the saints’

h. Without this struggle, there is no interior joy or peace, for the tranquillity of order or peace comes from the spirit of sacrifice. It alone establishes us interiorly in order by putting to death all that is inordinate in US

VI. Summary:

Lastly, charity, the love of God and of souls in God, finally prevails completely over the predominant fault; it then truly occupies the first place in our soul and reigns there effectively. Mortification, which makes our principal fault disappear, delivers us and assures the predominance in our soul of our true natural qualities and of our special attraction of grace. Thus little by little, we grow to be ourselves, in the broad sense of the word, that is, to be supernaturally ourselves minus our defects. We do not have to copy in a more or less servile manner another’s qualities, or enter a uniform mold that is the same for all. There is a great variety in human personalities, just as no two leaves or flowers are perfectly similar. But a person’s temperament must not be crushed; it must be transformed while keeping whatever is good in it. In our temperament, our character must be the imprint of the acquired and infused virtues, especially of the theological virtues. Then, instead of instinctively referring everything to self, as is the case when the predominant fault reigns, we will turn everything back to God, think almost continually of Him, and live for Him alone; at the same time we will lead to Him those with whom we come into contact.


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